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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, SECDEF, INFO CJCS, CINCPAC CP  
SMITH HI, COMUSSAG NKP THAI, AUGUST 9, FROM PHNOM PENH RPTD YOU  
FOR INFO:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 8206

FOR STATE/AID

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, CB

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR NEAK LOEUNG

REF: (A) PHNOM PENH 8103/070735Z AUG 73

(B) STATE 156576/082030Z AUG 73

1. MUCH APPRECIATE PROMPT ACTION ON SOLATIUM  
PAYMENTS.

2. BELIEVE THAT IN ADDITION TO PERSONAL REPARATIONS,  
WE SHOULD MAKE SOME GESTURE OF A MORE PERMANENT  
CHARACTER TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. GESTURE NEED  
NOT BE MUNIFICENT, BUT SHOULD BE MADE AND PUBLICIZED  
IMMEDIATELY.

3. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT AN APPROPRIATE ACTION WOULD  
BE TO REPAIR AND RE-EQUIP THE NEAK LOEUNG HOSPITAL.

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HOSPITAL IS LOCATED IN A TWO-STORY CONCRETE BUILDING

WHICH WAS DAMAGED DURING THE 6TH AUGUST INCIDENT. IT IS ON THE MAIN STREET OF NEAK LOEUNG AND CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM THE MEKONG, AND COULD BE A GOOD SYMBOL BOTH OF U.S. COMPASSION FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE BOMBING INCIDENT AND OF U.S. CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF THIS THREATENED BUT KEY RIVER TOWN.

4. OUR OFFER SHOULD TAKE FORM OF A WILLINGNESS TO RELEASE COUNTERPART FUNDS FOR BUILDING REPAIRS UP TO SIX MILLION RIELS, AND PROVIDE A GRANT OF UP TO 150 THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM AID FUNDS FOR NECESSARY HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT.

5. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSAL BY RETURN CABLE SO THAT THE AMBASSADOR COULD MAKE THE OFFER OF ASSISTANCE TO NEAK LOEUNG HOSPITAL AT THE SAME TIME HE ANNOUNCES SOLATIUM PAYMENTS. WE WOULD THEN ASK AID/W TO MAKE AVAILABLE A SPECIALIST IN HOSPITAL PROJECTS FROM EITHER SAIGON OR WASHINGTON TO DEFINE THE ASSISTANCE REQUIRED. DM SWANK UNQUOTE. ROGERS

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